

Appendix K Conformity Determination



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Sonoma 101 HOV Central Widening Project

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Attention: Maureen Murphy

Dear Mr. Sartipi:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for Sonoma 101 HOV Central Widening Project

On August 21, 2007, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) a request for the project-level conformity determination for Sonoma 101 HOV Central Widening Project (EA 0A1800), pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327(a)(2)(B)(ii)(I). The area is in non attainment under the Federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and designated a maintenance area for carbon monoxide (CO).

The project level conformity analysis submitted by Caltrans indicates that the project-level transportation conformity requirements of 40 CFR Part 93 have been met. The project is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) currently conforming Transportation 2030, 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2007 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The current conformity determinations for the RTP and RTIP were approved by FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration on October 2, 2006. The design concept and scope of the preferred alternative have not changed significantly from those assumed in the regional emissions analysis.

As required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123, the localized CO, PM2.5 and PM10 analyses are included in the documentation. The CO hotspot analysis was performed in accordance with the California Department of Transportation's *Transportation Project-Level Carbon Monoxide Protocol*. The analysis demonstrates that the project will not create any new violations of the standards or increase the severity or number of existing violations.

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Based on the information provided, FHWA finds that the Sonoma 101 HOV Central Widening Project (EA 0A1800) conforms to the SIP in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93.

If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Joseph Vaughn, at (916) 498-5346.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph Vaughn

For
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